

# Texas Providers Webinar Highlights – September 28, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the [full video](#) for detailed information.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- As of September 27<sup>th</sup>, there have been 31,192,052 total COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the State of Texas. As 6.9 million eligible Texans remain unvaccinated, it is critical that we keep our focus on **vaccinating the unvaccinated**.
- On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the CDC recommended **adults** in certain groups who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine receive a booster dose of the **same vaccine**. The volume for the booster dose is the same as that for the primary vaccine series: 0.3 mL, administered via the intramuscular route. This applies only to the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine and only to people 18 years of age and older. For more information on the CDC’s recommendation and the groups to which it applies, please visit this [CDC webpage](#).

## CDC Updates

- The CDC requests that providers maintain no more than a **3-week supply** of COVID-19 vaccine on hand. This will help in alleviating vaccine waste.
- Any vial of **J&J COVID-19 vaccine** that has an expiration date prior to **September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021** has now expired. **There will be no more extensions**. To check the expiration date on your J&J COVID-19 vaccine, you may enter the lot ID from the carton or vial using the website [www.vaxcheck.jnj](#), call in to the automated response system at 1-800-565-4008, or scan the QR code using a smartphone camera.
- Texas Influenza Awareness Day is this Friday, October 1st. This day represents the official start of flu season. In order to ensure the best protection for your patients, we encourage all providers to practice **co-administering COVID-19 and Flu vaccine**.

## A Word from the VacShipments Team

- Moderna filed to extend their expiration dates for their COVID-19 vaccine and are expected to receive a decision in the next two weeks. If you have enough space to safely and securely quarantine expiring Moderna vaccine, please do so.

### Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Help Desk: (877) 835-7750, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: [COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov)

### Session Live Q&A:

- Can providers order COVID-19 vaccine booster doses in VAOS the same way we order doses of the 2-dose series?
- Can we administer the Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose to a patient who received the Moderna 2-dose series?
- Is the Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose to be administered only for qualified patients after six months of completing their initial 2-dose series?
- Are individuals still considered fully vaccinated if they do not receive the booster dose?